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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated December 26, 2007. Applicants request that the Examiner continue examination in view of the claim listing and remarks beginning on pages 2 and 7, respectively. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition to extend by one (1) month the time to respond to the Office Action up to and including April 28, 2008, and enclose the required petition fee.